

Cooperation and Coordination with Other Agencies and Other Entities

Cooperation with Agencies that Are Not in the Statewide Workforce Investment System and Other Entities

The Divisions of Rehabilitation Services (DRS or Division) and Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI) have an excellent working relationship with the Workforce System in South Dakota. The cooperation between our agencies is done by formal written agreements and informal arrangements.

Formal Memorandum of Understanding with One Stop Partners

The Division of Rehabilitation Services has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 7/1/2012 with the South Dakota Department of Labor. This agreement addresses:

- Provide comprehensive services designed to assist the unemployed citizens of the State of South Dakota in obtaining gainful employment;
- Support the underemployed citizens of the state in preparing for a new and more rewarding career;
- Provide the youth of South Dakota with a positive introduction into the world of work and subsequently providing follow-up and guidance to youth once they enter the workforce;
- Provide universal access to all customers, including those with special needs or barriers to employment;
- Provide customer choice in the way they access services, and in the services themselves, based on individual need;
- Allow integrated services through a planning process at the state and local levels, coordinate activities and services for customers, and share information and client data; and
- Be fully aware of the role each Partner has within the system and to understand the services each Partner provides.

Other interagency cooperation with and utilization of the services and facilities of agencies and programs that are not carrying out activities through the statewide workforce development system consist of:

Federal, State and Local Agencies and Programs

Project Skills

The Division of Rehabilitation Services has cooperative agreements with local school districts through out South Dakota for the provision of transition services. This program provides paid work experiences in student's career areas to help them prepare for adulthood and the world of work.

Project Search

The Division of Rehabilitation Services has cooperative agreements with local the Project Search sites for Aberdeen, Brookings, and Sioux Falls locations. This agreement lays out each party's responsibility for the Project Search activities.

Vocational Counseling Transition Services

The Division of Rehabilitation Services has a cooperative agreement with the Sioux Falls School District to fund half of a vocational rehabilitation counselor's position. This vocational rehabilitation counselor participates in the school's transition services activities.

State Programs carried out under section 4 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998

The Division of Rehabilitation Services receives funding under section 4 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998. A contract is developed annually with Black Hills Special Services Cooperative/Dakota Link for the implementation of these services.

Interagency cooperation with, and utilization of the services and facilities of the Federal, State, and local agencies and programs, including programs carried out by the Under Secretary for Rural Development of the United States Department of Agriculture

These agreements typically are associated with Agrability Programs and South Dakota does not have an Agrability Program. The State VR Agencies do not have any agreements under the Secretary for Rural Development of the US Department of Agricultural.

State Use Law

The State of South Dakota does not have a “State Use Law”.